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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Chapter 11

Case No. 09-50026 (REG)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF KEVIN HOOKER IN SUPPORT OF OBJECTION OF CERTAIN UTILITY COMPANIES TO MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) AND 366 (I) APPROVING DEBTORS' PROPOSED FORM OF ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT, (II) ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING OBJECTIONS BY UTILITY COMPANIES, AND (III) PROHIBITING UTILITIES FROM ALTERING, REFUSING, OR DISCONTINUING SERVICE

I, Kevin Hooker, declare as follows:

- 1. I am the Vice President of Delta Township Utilities, LLC ("Delta I") and have been in that position for 2 years. In my position as Vice President of Delta I, I assist in the operations of Delta I, a Delaware limited liability company comprised of the following members: Suez Energy Solutions, Inc. ("Suez") and Duke Energy Generation Services Holdings Company, Inc. ("DEGS") (Suez and DEGS are collectively referred to as the "Suez-DEGS Members").
- 2. Except as otherwise stated, all facts contained within this Declaration are based upon personal knowledge, my review of Delta I's business documents, correspondence and relevant documents, or my opinion based upon my experience concerning the operations of Delta I. If called upon to testify, I would testify to the facts set forth in this Declaration.
- 3. On behalf of Delta I, I submit this Declaration in support of the Objection Of
 Certain Utility Companies To Motion Of Debtors For Entry Of Order Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. §§
 105(a) And 366 (I) Approving Debtors' Proposed Form Of Adequate Assurance Of Payment, (II)
 Establishing Procedures For Resolving Objections By Utility Companies, And (III) Prohibiting
 Utilities From Altering, Refusing, Or Discontinuing Service (the "Objection").
- 4. In making this Declaration, I am familiar with the contents of the Objection and the Motion Of Debtors For Entry Of Order Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) And 366 (I)

 Approving Debtors' Proposed Form Of Adequate Assurance Of Payment, (II) Establishing

 Procedures For Resolving Objections By Utility Companies, And (III) Prohibiting Utilities From Altering, Refusing, Or Discontinuing Service (the "Utility Motion"). Accordingly, I am aware of the Debtors' offer to provide their utilities with a two-week deposit.
- 5. The Debtors and Delta I are parties to that certain prepetition contract for the provision of utility services and more formally known as the *Utility Services Agreement Between Delta Township Utilities, LLC And General Motors Corporation Worldwide Facilities Group*,

GM – Delta Township, dated September 6, 2001 (the "Delta I Agreement").

- 6. Under the Delta I Agreement, Delta I has provided prepetition and continues to provide postpetition utility services, as further defined under the Delta I Agreement, to the Debtors' metal fabrication/stamping and, as applicable, assembly facility (facilities) located in Delta Township, Michigan. The Delta I Agreement became effective on September 6, 2001, and terminates as of 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2016. The Parties further agreed, however, that the terms of the Delta I Agreement would automatically continue and extend thereafter on a month-to-month basis unless terminated by either party upon at least 180 days written notice and/or the Parties agreed to terms of a specific extension.
- 7. It is part of my job responsibility on behalf of the Suez-DEGS Members to: (A) review the Debtors' accounts with Delta I; (B) address any credit issues of the Debtors in relation to Delta I; and (C) address all issues concerning the Debtors' bankruptcy cases in relation to Delta I and in particular, the Delta I Agreement, including, without limitation, Delta I's request for adequate assurance of payment and the Debtors' obligations for their potential assumption and assignment of the Delta I Agreement.
- 8. Delta I's relationship with the Debtors is governed by the express contractual terms set forth under the Delta I Agreement. Under Delta I's billing cycle as created within the Delta I Agreement, the Debtors receive approximately one month of utility goods and/or services before Delta I issues a bill for such charges. Once a bill is issued, the Debtors have approximately 60 days to pay all undisputed amounts of the applicable bill. Further, the Debtors have the right to raise a good-faith dispute concerning any amount of a bill and withhold payment equal to that amount. For any amounts that are subsequently determined by the parties to be due and payable following the resolution of a good-faith dispute, the Debtors must remit payment

within ten (10) business days together with applicable interest. Accordingly, under Delta I's billing cycle, the Debtors could receive at least 3 or more months of unpaid charges before Delta I could cease the supply of utility goods and/or services to the Debtors for a postpetition payment default.

- 9. Pursuant to the Delta I Agreement, Delta I provided the Debtors with utility goods and services prior to the petition date of June 1, 2009. Debtors' unpaid prepetition amount due to Delta I pursuant to the Delta I Agreement is \$70,984.43.
- 10. Delta I continues to provide post-petition utility goods and services to the Debtors pursuant to the Delta I Agreement.
- 11. At this time, there is no postpetition amount currently due under the Delta I Agreement. Under Delta I's billing cycle as set forth within the Delta I Agreement, Delta I will issue the first postpetition bill to the Debtors on or after July 1, 2009.
- 12. The amount of postpetition security necessary to secure Delta I's billing exposure as created under the billing cycle of the Delta I Agreement is \$276,320 which represents a two-month cash deposit.
- 13. Accordingly and based upon Delta I's billing exposure as created under the billing cycle of the Delta I Agreement, Delta I seeks adequate assurance of payment from the Debtors in the form of a two-month cash deposit in the amount set forth herein.

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and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed this 23th day of June 2009, at Cincinnati, Ohio.